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**Information Disclosure Statement**

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	AB1	5,815,146	09/1998	Youden <i>et al.</i>				
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	AD1	5,870,538	02/1999	Manning <i>et al.</i>				
	AE1	5,907,660	05/1999	Inoue <i>et al.</i>				
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	AT	2	"Switch Fabric Chipset - CX27300 iScale™," <i>Mindspeed - A Conexant Business</i> , April 30, 2001, 2 pages.

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	AM4						Yes No
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	AS	5	"BigIron Architecture Technical Brief," <i>Foundry Networks</i> , October 1998, Version 1.02, 15 pages.
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